THE ORBIT

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STUDENTS RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR

On Wednesday, April 7, nine John Glenn students received a royal welcome at the State Capitol in Des Moines. The nine students, Michelle Holdorf, Wendy Keppy, Cindy Long, Laura Schnoor, Heather Snyder, and Kelly Tobias, were winners of a water conservation essay contest initiated by Representative Stueland and sponsored by the school.

The students were personally greeted at the House doors by Representatives Hugo Schneckloth and Vic Stueland. Representative Stueland introduced them to the House, who responded with a standing ovation.

While on the House floor, students received personal greetings from the Majority Leader, Representative Smith, from Davenport, and were offered jelly beans by House Speaker Pro-Tem, L. N. Menke. The group was escorted across the hall to the Senate. where they were introduced by Senator Hulse of Grand Mound. President of the Senate, Terry Brostad, read a short introduction to the Senate, who again responded with a standing ovation.

The highlight of the trip came when the group returned from their visit to the Governors Mansion on Terrace Hill. They were received by Governor Robert D. Ray in his personal office, where he visited with them privately for about ten minutes.

The students left Des Moines that day bringing back an experience they will long remember.

They were accompanied on their trip by Principal Joe Ragona and Sharon Braunschweig, their teacher.

PTO MEETING
Michelle Holdorf & Janelle Hein

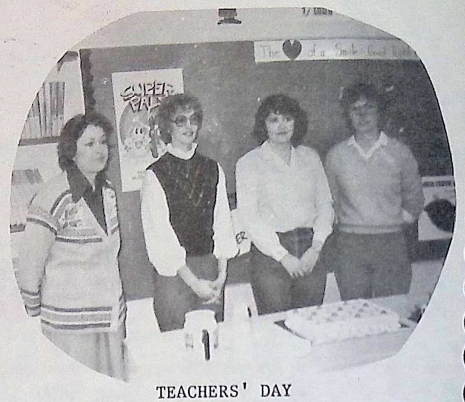
On Tuesday, February 2nd, our Room Parents' Organization met Mr. Martin, our school psychologist. He explained his purpose of being in our school and what his job involved.

The girls' chorus, directed by Miss Balsar, sang several songs. Some were: Kids are Music, Do You Believe It?, and I Really Like Being a Girl.

Staff

The newspaper staff this nine weeks are pictured above. They are Janine Baker, Michelle Holdorf, Janelle Hein, Mary Strohbehn, Wes Schwanke, Clare Schooley, Lori Iossi, Bill Wiese, Sheryl Fahrenkrog, Scott Johannsen, Kym Gradin, and Tamara Huff. Their advisor was Mrs. Tobin and typist was Mrs. Kaczinski.

The staff was responsible for reporting all news events in the 3rd quarter. They met during activity period on Wednesdays.



TEACHERS' DAY
Cindy Long

January 28th was Teachers' Day, but at John Glenn, it was celebrated on the 25th because it was an in-service day. The whole state of Iowa celebrated Teachers' Day. The room parents prepared a lasagna dinner. Those who helped serve the meal were: Mrs. Donna Knapper, Mrs. Linda Holdorf, Mrs. Mary Lou Engler, and Mrs. Vicki Clark.

The room was decorated in red and white. Names were drawn for two carnation bouquets and Mrs. Tobin and Mrs. Christensen won them. Mrs. McGrath also won a valentine candle.

The school board made the dinner possible and Mr. Ned Mohr and Mr. Jim Tank were guests. Also invited as our guest was Dr. Lindaman, assistant superintendent.

Sound Off

SURVEY QUESTION

Students were asked to name someone they admire and a reason why you admire that person. Some answers were:

Jill Marti....Tom Sellick because he's cute.

Jon Lafrenz....My dad because he's a farmer and my dad.

Jenny McReynolds....Chris Nicholson because he's cute.

Dana Hoffmann....Melissa Gilbert, I would like to meet her.

Mrs. McFate....John Paul II because of his bravery.

Cabot Edens....Walter Patton, a great football player.

Mike Conard....Bo Derek - she's cute.

Charlie McKean....Tony Dorset, a great running back.

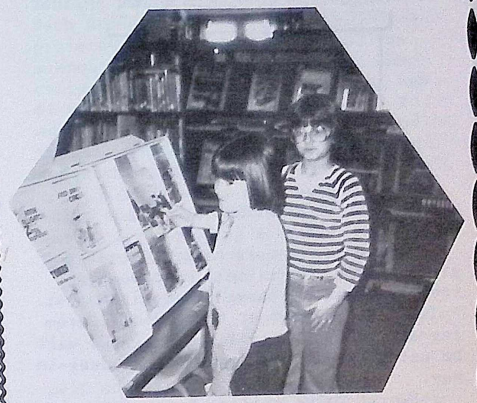
Katie O'Connor....Matt Cunningham, he's a fox.

Doug Hendricks....Terry Bradshaw, a professional football player.

BOOK REVIEW

BOOK FAIR
Bill Wiese, Scott Johannsen, & Wes Schwanke

The Book Fair, held from February 1 to February 5, was an enormous success. Books were displayed in the library for a few days and then students were able to buy books of their choice. The Fair netted much more money than expected. The school was able to keep part of the money to purchase new books for our library.



Attention CLASS NEWS

MRS. STOKES' CLASS

Our class is studying about Alaska and the Eskimo. We are making booklets containing the state flag, bird, and customs of the Eskimos.

This spring the 1st grades will visit "Mr. Chuck's" Nature Center at Scott County Park.

MRS. TOBIN

Third graders are making great progress in their reading. We have two reading periods, so we accomplish a lot.

We are almost at the end of learning all of our cursive letters. We will be using cursive writing a great deal in May.

We are also writing books as a class project and everyone is really having fun with it. We will be going on a field trip in the near future.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second grade has been studying about Africa in Social Studies. We have enjoyed filmstrips and African folk tales.

In Language we have worked with opposites, words that have the same meaning, and asking words like who, what, where, when, and how. Also, we read a poem, "I Can't, Said the Ant." We enjoyed it so much, we decided to write our own poem. Here it is!

"What's that noise?" asked the toys.
"It's in the toybox," said the blocks.
"What's that glare?" asked the bear.
"What's wrong?" asked boy-doll Tom.
"Did something fall?" asked the ball.
"It went kerplop!" said the top.
"It fell down!" said the clown.
"Was it a jar?" asked the bar.
"Of course!" said the horse.
"I don't care," said the teddy bear.
"Did it break?" asked the snake.
"I hope not," said the teapot.
"Was it in the dollhouse?" asked mouse.
"It's a boy!" said the toys.
"He moved his arm," said the farm.
"Dropped the flower pot," said the mop.
"What a dope!" said the jump-rope.
"What a mess!" said the doll dress.
"What's he doing here?" asked the mirror.
"He'd better clean it up," said the pup.
"Here comes Joy!" shouted the toys.
"Now he'll get it!" said the stuffed rabbit.
Joy came in and saw the mess.
"Oh, Tom," she said. "You are a pest!
Let's clean this up right away
And then we'll go outside to play."
"That's it," said the doctor's kit.
"That looks better," said the firetruck ladder.
"Nice and clean!" said the fairy queen.
"let's go back to sleep," said Little Bo-Beep.

Math class finds us measuring with centimeters and inches and beginning multiplication.

MRS. SCHROEDER

Fifth and Sixth graders worked on portraits. They used each other as models. They also drew with pencils and learned to shade them with pencils and pastels.

Third and Fourth graders made a printing plate with found materials. From this plate, we've made several types of prints. They are rubbing, embossing, poked design, and printing with ink.

Newsy Nugget

Third Grade Science Class has just completed a unit on nutrition. They learned the names of the four basic food groups and various "good" foods under these headings. Students made booklets with the heading of "Fabulous Foods" in which they did worksheets and vocabulary sheets. This week we will begin Dental Health.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Each fourth grader just completed writing and illustrating a page in our group book of dreams. Each child shared a wish or dream he wants to come true. Many have dreams of being pro football players; several want to be rich, one wants to visit Paris, France, and a wide variety of others.

Each child is helping our garden of flowers on the bulletin board grow by adding a petal to his flower each time he writes a book report. Hopefully our garden will be in full bloom by May.

Two of our reading groups are very excited about moving into new reading books recently.

Science Shorts

SCIENCE NEWS

A new undertaking for the fourth grade this past quarter has been presenting projects to their classmates. Each student is encouraged to do two projects during one semester of the school year. They are rated on the content, their oral presentation, use of materials, length, and ability to answer questions. A wide variety of topics, models, or animals have been researched, made, or brought to school.

Sixth graders are learning about acids and bases, making and testing gases, and studying chemical reactions. They are enthused about this unit.

The fifth graders have completed research on endangered species of animals, and will be studying soil samples. Use of our natural resources and preservation of them for the future is the main concern of our present unit.

The science classes and Mrs. Erps are looking forward to a busy, productive Ecology Day on May 7, at Camp Minneyata.

NEWS

6TH GRADE NEWS
Wendy Keppy

During the third quarter, the 6th graders completed a unit on the Soviet Union. They used a variety of text books and reference materials to complete the learning centers that were spread around the room.

The three reading groups will be completing their books this year. They are Medley, Keystone, and Impressions. Also in reading, the students are required to do three book reports and projects.

In spelling, they are using computerprint-outs of their weekly spelling words. They find the words in the puzzle.

Coming up in Language, the students will be doing a research project on an animal. This will go along with the Ecology learning centers for the last quarter.

An Essay Contest is being held for anybody who wants to enter. The topic is Water Conservation. The winners will get a day in Des Moines to visit the State Capitol Building with Representative Vic Stueland.

MRS. COLLINS

Sixth Grade Math will be profiting from an introduction to computers presented by our psychologist, Mr. Frank Martin. The first class will acquaint the students with terminology and the uses of a computer. The second session will be an actual "hands-on" experience using an Apple II computer. This is a preparation for the time when they will have an opportunity at the Jr. High to take classes in using a computer.

Fifth Grade Math is beginning a chapter on measurement including: time, metric systems, perimeter area, volume and problem solving.

MRS. STRICKLAND

The fifth grade just got finished writing editorials. Students chose topics including: why bubblegum should be allowed in school, why student patrol should be abolished, why winter should be done away with, and why a kid should be elected president.

Twelve fifth graders wrote water essays in hopes of winning a trip to Des Moines.

In Social Studies we've studied the Civil War and Reconstruction. Soon we'll spend time studying the Iowa Unit.

Right now, we've been wondering how many jelly beans you can get in one scoop. (Ask a fifth grader.)

RED DAY
Mary Strohbehn & Lori Iossi

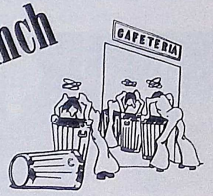
On Friday, the 12th of February, everyone was asked to dress in red for Valentine's Day. White and pink colors were also acceptable. Prizes were awarded to students wearing these colors.

HEY!!!

PATROL LEADERS
Wes Schwanke

In Mr. Garrington's absence, Mrs. Collins has taken charge of the student patrol. The Captain and Lieutenant were selected to lead the group. It is their job to see that other patrol members are at their posts and doing their job. The Captain selected was Kelly Tobias and the Lieutenant is Cindy Long. They will serve until the end of the school year.

Out to Lunch



COOKIE MAKING
Wes Schwanke

One of the new activities is Cookie Making. Mrs. Collins heads this activity. Students have to bring ingredients from home or they don't help or eat the cookies. Mrs. Collins thought this was fun because she likes to make and eat cookies.

ACTIVITY PERIOD

NEEDLEPOINT
Kym Gradin & Tammy Huff

On Mondays, Mrs. Schroeder taught nine girls how to do needlepoint. They made gifts for their mothers. They enjoyed the activity very much.

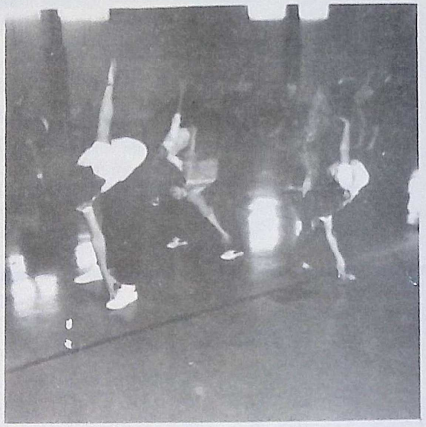
FRENCH
Wes Schwanke

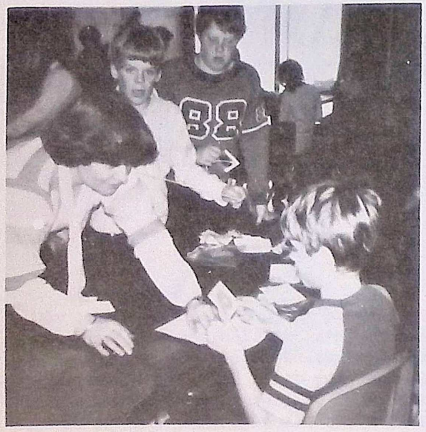
French is a new activity this nine weeks taught by Mrs. Schroeder. She thought the students would enjoy learning a new language from another country.

AEROBICS
Mary Strohbehn & Lori Iossi

About 40 girls enjoyed aerobics this nine weeks under the direction of Mrs. Fleming. It is an exercising type of dancing.

We asked a few girls how they liked it. Some of the comments were: "Fun", "It's hard, but fun", and "Exciting".





MONOGRAMS
Janelle Hein

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Mrs. McFate taught monograming. The students used their last initials on a canvas. The half cross stitch or continual stitch was used. They made four each. They can be used as decorations or coasters.

Now Who's That?

PEOPLE AND PLACES
Michelle Holdorf & Clare Schooley

Mr. Ragona was in charge of one of our new activities this nine weeks. People were asked to come to school and share some of their experiences of different places that they had been. Pictures were also shown of these places.

Students were able to travel to such places as Colorado, Alaska, Holland, Japan, and Switzerland.

All grade levels were invited to join in this activity, which was held on Fridays. This was one of the favorite activities and students were able to get to know other parts of the world.

A big thank-you to Mr. Corbin, Mrs. Spies, Mr. Lahann, Mr. & Mrs. Farrier, and Mr. Ragona for sharing their time with us.

The second graders had a surprise visit on National Agriculture Day. Mr. and Mrs. Collinghorst brought three baby pigs for the children to pet. Mr. Gollinghorst described some of his work as a hog farmer while Mrs. Gollinghorst talked to the children about the good foods produced on Iowa farms. The visit included treats of crackers and ham spread.

JUNIOR POETRY

Funny Bone

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

My favorite food is a hot fudge sundae. The hot fudge is real gooey and warm and tastes very good. The nuts on it taste very good, too. It looks like a mountain with chocolate on it.

My least favorite food is spinach. It looks like a pile of cooked alfalfa. It is like green goop and tastes gross.

By Cindy Long

QUATRAIN

On my way home last night
I had an awful fright
Just because my friend, Lou
Dressed up in a sheet, then yelled boo.

by Jennifer Corbin

COUPLET

When I play baseball, I usually do my best. But when Dad hollers, I play better.

By Dana Hoffmann

PARODY

Going to St. Jives

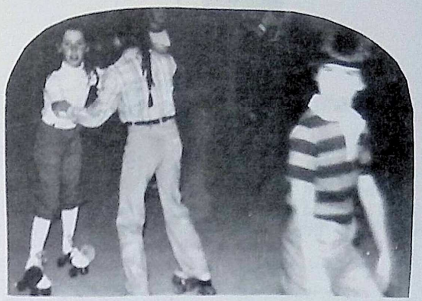
As I was going to St. Jives, I met a man with seven lives. Every life had seven angels, every angel had seven wings, every wing had seven feathers. Lives, angels, wings, feathers. How many are there all together?

By Dana Hoffmann

RIDDLES

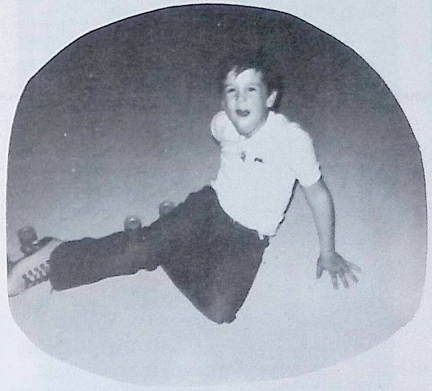
1. How many sides does a barrel have?
   answer: Two, the inside and the outside.
2. What color is a ghost's favorite color?
   answer: boo
3. Knock, knock.
   Who's there?
   Ima
   Ima who?
   Ima coming in.
4. When is an artist happy?
   answer: When he draws a long face.
5. What is the longest word there is?
   answer: Smiles. There's a mile between the two s's.
6. When are roads angry?
   answer: When they are crossroads.

The Thrill of VICTORY



SKATING PARTY
Wes Schwanke & Bill Wiese

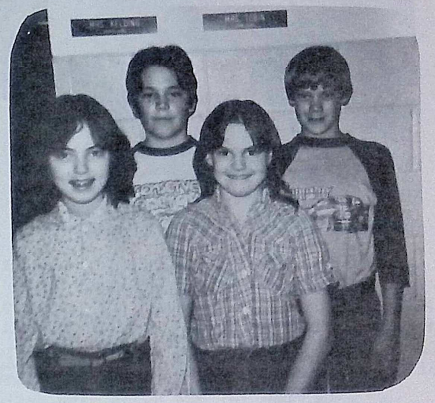
John Glenn students held an all-school skating party in Eldridge at Skatepark on March 23rd. It was held from 2:30 - 4:30. Families of students were also encouraged to come and many did. Everyone had a Super time!



The Agony of DEFEAT

GREEN DAY
Wes Schwanke & Michelle Holdorf

March 17th was Green Day at our school. Everyone participated by wearing green. Whoever wore green that day received a lucky charm. The charm was a German penny left by leprachauns that day.



MATH BEE
Janine Baker & Janelle Hein

Four sixth graders represented out school in the Math Bee at Marycrest College on March 16th. The four students were: Kelly Tobias, Mike Clark, Wendy Keppy, and Todd Flynn. Out of 70 teams, they placed nineteenth. They worked very hard and did a nice job.

MATHATHON
Sheryl Fahrenkrog &
Scott Johannsen

This year our school had a Mathathon to raise money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. You had to sign up and receive a math book. Sponsors gave money for every problem that you worked. After finishing your book and collecting the money from sponsors, the money was sent to the hospital to help in research for childrens' diseases.

Students will receive a certificate and a T-shirt if they were able to collect $25.00. If $100.00 was collected, a student would receive a jacket and a T-shirt.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

On April 1, 1982, the Children's Literature Festival was held at Black Hawk College. About 500 students and teachers attended. Heather Grove, Natalie Maxwell, Chris Martin, Kelly McFate and Mrs. Vernia attended from John Glenn.

The morning was divided into four sessions. In each session, students and teachers talked with an author or illustrator about his work. The John Glenn Students talked to the following authors: David Collins, Judy Hanson, and Evelyn Witter. Many of their books are in our library. They also spoke to Seymour Fleishman, the illustrator of the "Gus" books.

After a sack lunch, two movies were shown. The first one was on the use of the library. The second one was from the book, "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" by Beverly Cleary.

The day was enjoyed by all.

SWING SHOW
Scott Johannsen & Kym Gradin

On March 9th, we saw the High School Swing Show present some of their songs that were in the show. Some of the favorites that they sang were: "It's Hard to be Humble", "Rocky Top", and "They're Playin' Our Song". Everyone enjoyed listening and many went to see the Swing Show that weekend.

STRIKE

BOWLING PARTY
Janine Baker & Michelle Holdorf

On Friday, March 5th, the 6th grade patrol went bowling at Maysville Lanes. We each had to pay 50¢ to help pay for bowling and also had to arrange for our own ride home. Everyone had a lot of fun!

HAT DAY
Sheryl Fahrenkrog & Clare Schooley

February 26th was Hat Dat at John Glenn. There was a contest for each grade level for the most unusual and most original hat. During the last period of the day, student council members went around to each class and judged the hats. Pictured above are the winners.

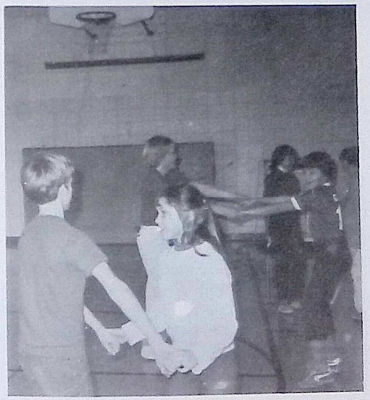
Roving Reporter

HAPPINESS IS....
Mary Strohbehn & Lori Iossi

Steve Laughlin - riding three wheelers
Mike Reese - no school
Sara Arp - school being out and playing softball
Clare Schooley - my crab and puppy
Kathy DeSplinter - having fun
Stephanie McDonald - summer and swimming
Lisa Gradin - my horse, Dude
Brandi Albers - my dog, Ruffles
John Peterson - playing
Kyle Schulz - fun
Kelly Tobias - going to Florida in the summer.
Pat Moore - winning a baseball game
Danny Meyer - laughing and playing around

CREAMERY THEATRE
Wes Schwanke

The Old Creamery Theatre from Garrison, Iowa came to John Glenn on March 9th to perform for all students. Many plays were acted out for us. Many humorous stories were presented and everyone very much enjoyed the performance. This is the second year that the student body has been entertained by this group.



VALENTINE DAY PARTIES

On Friday, February 12th, Valentine parties were held at our school. First through third grade had their party in homeroom. Cards were exchanged and everyone had a snack to eat and something to drink.

Fourth through sixth graders enjoyed a dance in the gym during the last period of the day. They also received cupcakes and punch. Not all danced, but everyone had a good time.

CREATIVE WRITING

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

1. Magenta is like looking into a fire on Christmas Eve.
2. Lavender is like violets blowing in a spring breeze.
3. Sienna is like a giant cookie.
4. Turquoise is like the bright blue sky reflecting on a clear blue lake.
5. Sepia is like our old grandfather clock's finish.
6. Amber is like freshly cut hay.
7. Alabaster is like freshly falling snow.
8. Beige is like an ever ending sand pile.
9. Aqua is like looking into my grandfather's eyes.
10. Violet is like walking through a meadow.

By Jennifer Corbin

THE MAGIC CAT

Once there was a man and a lady that was very poor. And they did not like it.

"What are we going to do?" said the lady.

When the man was working, he saw a cat with a nice tail.

"Oh boy!" said the man. "A magic cat!"

He took it to the lady.

"What did you bring that cat home for?"

"Oh, it's not a cat. It's a Magic Cat."

"Oh boy!" said the lady.

"We will be rich!" the man said. "Cat, cat, will you give us gold?"

And guess what? The cat gave them gold! And they lived happily ever after.

The end.

by Kellie Hammes
Mrs. Stokes
1st Level

Write on!

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

1. Amber is like an old piece of paper used in the 1920's.
2. Alabaster is like a fresh snowfall on a December morning.
3. Aqua is like the reflection of the sky on a clear blue lake.
4. Beige is like the skin on the cheek of a baby.
5. Chartreuse is like yellow dye poured on green grass.
6. Lavender is like lilacs after a spring rain.
7. Magenta is like a piece of varnished mahogany wood.
8. Ochre is like an old witch's basket.
9. Scarlet is like the blood stains on an old bandage.
10. Sepia is like the rust on a pipe that's getting old.
11. Sienna is like the curry powder Mexicans put in their food.
12. Turquoise is like when your making blue icing and you accidently put a drop of green in with the blue.
13. Violet is like an oil spill in the ocean.

By Kelly Tobias

Horoscope

HOROSCOPE

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
You are cheerful, stable, and your friends depend on you for advice. You may feel blue in last week, wo go to a funny movie. Lucky days are Dec. 26, Jan. 6, 14.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You are dependable, lovable, and "gullible." You will go on an exciting trip soom. You can create friction easily. Try to avoid arguments. Your lucky days are Jan. 28, Feb. 3, 12.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
You're timid and shy. Look out for the 22nd. Listen to your friends. Don't neglect schoolwork. You may have money problems this month. Your lucky days are Feb. 26, Mar. 4, Mar. 17.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
This is a relaxing month for you. Listen politely to advice. You can be stubborn at times but usually fun-loving. Your lucky days are April 7 & 12.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You can accomplish a lot when you set your mind to it. You have ability to make a lot of friends. Read a book. Your lucky days are Apr. 26, May 1, 12.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You have true leadership qualities. Others may look to you for advice. Your lucky numbers are 3 and 6. Ask for what you need. Your lucky days are May 27, June 2, 13.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You are intelligent and like to laugh a lot. You have a tendency towards stubborness. Your lucky numbers are 6 and 8. Personal problems may cause you to blow your cool in public. Your lucky days are June 27, July 3, 13.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
You have a mean streak in you at times. You can be very sweet and understanding at other times. Your lucky numbers are 3, 5, and 8. Don't delay on jobs that need to be done. Write a letter to a friend. Your lucky days are Aug. 6, 12, 15.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
The month starts up slowly, so go to work on your unfinished projects. Enjoy yourself. Impatience may cause you to spend money you don't have. Take care of health. Your lucky days are Sept. 12, 13, and 21.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Your mind will tend to wander. Near the 9th, a friend may give you unnecessary advice. Follow your instincts. Don't neglect school! Your lucky days are Oct. 3, 4, and 15.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You are intelligent and you have a good sense of humor. You also love animals. Be careful of being drawn into arguments. Money may be short this month. Your lucky days are Oct. 25, & Nov. 13, 20.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You're active, cute and have a big ego. You could have extra work around the house. Pitch in! You'll be happy with your results. Avoid unnecessary discussions with someone you love. Your lucky days are Dec. 11, 12, and 20.

Wisdom Weird

JOKES

Farmer Boy: I don't know if I should buy a cow or a bike.
City Boy: You would look awfully funny riding a cow.
Farmer Boy: Maybe, but I'd look even funnier trying to milk a bike.

A VALENTINE TREAT

BY MICHELLE HOLDORF

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roses
lace
love
cupid
cards
flowers
special
arrow
fourteenth
kisses
February
sweet
heart
valentines
red
candy
gift
holiday
happy